

## REMARKS

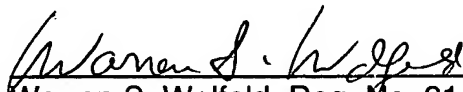
Claim 1 is pending in the subject application.

Applicants understand that the Examiner will consider all information, which was submitted by Applicants or otherwise considered by the Office in a parent application, including all parent and grandparent applications. MPEP §609. Such information therefore is not listed on any Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0869 for any matter in connection with this Preliminary Amendment, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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